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MEMORANDUM FOR: DDI Planning Officer

SUBJECT: NPIC Participation in COINS

1. In response to questions raised by the [ ] Security Officer, 25X1
CIA, relative to the use of the NPIC Target Brief Header File (TBHF) in
the COINS experiments and a discussion of the subject on 25 February 1970,
NPIC forwards the following comments.

2. A SECRET subset of the Exploitation Products Data File (EPDF)
could be selected and made adaptable to the COINS experiment. It should
be pointed out, however, that any SECRET subset of the EPDF is likely to
be of little utility to COINS customers, so that such participation could
bias the results of the "test and evaluation period" of COINS.

3. NPIC has a more serious problem with attempting to participate
at a non-codeword level in a test and evaluation phase. The increasing
reliance on ADP support during prime shift and the advent of the IIS
necessitates the use of both UNIVAC 494 mainframes to handle the work-
load. Effective 1 July we intend to commence using both mainframes for
multi-level remote access production. This will preclude our participa-
tion in the COINS experiment unless arrangements are made to conduct that
experiment in a multi-level security environment.

4. In view of the above, we recommend against NPIC participation
in the short period between now and July under the existing security
constraints. We recommend that measures be taken to conduct the COINS
experiment in a multi-codeword security environment.

5. I have discussed this with the Executive Director, NPIC.

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